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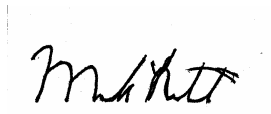
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The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) is pleased to offer, in lieu of more extensive comments, our brief expression of support and endorsement of the comments offered by our colleagues from the International Association of Audio Information Services (IAAIS).

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) is a national nonprofit that expands possibilities for people with vision loss. AFB's priorities include broadening access to technology; elevating the quality of information and tools for the professionals who serve people with vision loss; and promoting independent and healthy living for people with vision loss by providing them and their families with relevant and timely resources.

The nation's radio reading services provide a vital link to news, information and entertainment for millions of Americans with vision loss, the vast majority of who are elderly and who depend on these services daily. The transition from analogue to digital radio in this country affords us with a unique opportunity to ensure that the breadth of radio content that the digital medium allows is sufficiently inclusive of services that are clearly in the public interest and that meet the unique information needs of listeners with vision loss. We therefore urge the Commission to adopt rules that ensure an appropriate place for reading services in the digital environment.

Sincerely,



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